

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE  
DURING RECESS

## ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 20, 2007, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 50. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

H.R. 465. An act to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

H.R. 2089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 2276. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building".

H.R. 3297. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTample Post Office Building".

H.R. 3307. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building".

H.R. 3308. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office".

H.R. 3325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office".

H.R. 3382. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office".

H.R. 3446. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the "Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building".

H.R. 3518. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the "Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building".

H.R. 3530. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building".

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building".

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bills were signed on November 20, 2007, during the recess of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the

following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3773. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3915. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4136. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to clarify the scope of the child pornography laws and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

## MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3915. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4136. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to clarify the scope of the child pornography laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE  
CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3703. An act to amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines.

H.R. 3997. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3773. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING  
RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of November 16, 2007, the following reports of committees were submitted on November 27, 2007:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1661. A bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad (Rept. No. 110-233).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of November 16, 2007, the following executive reports of committees were submitted on November 27, 2007:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary:

Joseph N. Laplante, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

Thomas D. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 109-12: Patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under Patent Law Treaty with one reservation (Ex. Rept. 110-6);

Treaty Doc. 109-21: Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs with nine declarations (Ex. Rept. 110-7); and

Treaty Doc. 110-2: Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks with one condition (Ex. Rept. 110-8)

The text of the committee-recommended resolutions of advice and consent to ratification are as follows:

109-12: Patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under Patent Law Treaty.

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein).*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to Reservation

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Patent Law Treaty and Regulations under the Patent Law Treaty, done at Geneva on June 1, 2000 (Treaty Doc. 109-12), subject to the reservation of section 2.

Section 2. Reservation

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following reservation, which shall be included in the United States instrument of ratification:

Pursuant to Article 23, the United States of America declares that Article 6(1) shall not apply to any requirement relating to unity of invention applicable under the Patent Cooperation Treaty to an international application.

109-21: Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein).*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to Declarations

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States of America on July 6, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 109-21), subject to the declarations of section 2.